## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 301

April 8, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives Schneider, Meyer, Boyle, Gronemus, Handrick, Skindrud and L. Young. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

- 1 **AN ACT** to amend 346.60 (2) (a) and 346.60 (3m); and to create 343.32 (2) (bw)
- and 346.60 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** violations of speed limits of 55 miles
- 3 per hour and providing a penalty.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, no person may operate a motor vehicle at any speed faster than the posted maximum speed or, where no maximum speed is posted, 55 miles per hour. A person who violates a maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour may be required to forfeit not less than \$30 nor more than \$300. The minimum and maximum forfeitures are doubled for a violation occurring in a highway maintenance or construction area.

Under this bill, a person who violates a speed limit of 55 miles per hour by not more than 15 miles per hour may be required to forfeit \$5. This reduced forfeiture only applies to violations occurring on any interstate highway or on certain portions of STH 78 or USH 51. Also under the bill, no demerit points may be assessed for a violation that is punishable by the reduced forfeiture. The bill does not affect the forfeitures applicable to a violation occurring in a highway maintenance or construction area.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

343.3	2 (2) (bw) The scale adopted by the secretary may not assess any demerit
points for	violation of s. 346.57 (4) (h) or (5) that is punishable under s. 346.60 (6)
(b).	
SECT	<b>ON 2.</b> 346.60 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
346.6	(2) (a) Except as provided in sub. (3m) or (5), any person violating s.
346.57 (4)	d) to (g) or (h) or (5) or 346.58 may be required to forfeit not less than \$30
nor more t	nan \$300.
SECT	<b>ON 3.</b> 346.60 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:
346.6	<b>(3m)</b> If an operator of a vehicle violates s. 346.57 (2), (3) or (4) (d) to (h)
where per	ons engaged in work in a highway maintenance or construction area are
at risk fro	n traffic, any applicable minimum and maximum forfeiture specified in
sub. (2) or	(3) or (6) for the violation shall be doubled.
SECT	on 4. 346.60 (6) of the statutes is created to read:
346.6	0 (6) (a) Except as provided in par. (b) or sub. (3m) or (5), any person who
violates s.	346.57 (4) (h) or (5) may be required to forfeit not less than \$30 nor more
than \$300	
(b) A	ny person who violates s. 346.57 (4) (h) or (5) on any interstate highway
as defined	n s. $84.30~(2)~(f)$ , on STH $78$ between the I $90/94$ interchange and USH $51$ ,
or on USH	51 between STH 78 and the Prairie River in Lincoln County, by exceeding
a speed lin	it of 55 miles per hour by not more than 15 miles per hour, may be required

traffic.

to forfeit \$5. This paragraph does not apply if the violation occurred where persons

engaged in work in a highway maintenance or construction area are at risk from